(a) the progress made so far for the augmentation of TV transmission network in Jabalpur, including the erection of a TV tower; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). A high power (10KW) TV transmitter in replacement of the existing low power (100W) TV transmitter is presently under implementation at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh. Construction of the transmitter building has been completed and the tower has been constructed to a height of 50 Mts as against proposed height of 220 Mts. The transmitter and TVRO equipment have also been installed. Pending completion of the permanent tower, the transmitter has been installed on a temporary mast, as an interim set-up and has started giving test transmission on a reduced power of 1 KW. As per present indications, the TV transmitter at Jabalpur is envisaged to be commissioned into service on its full installed power by the middle of 1993.

Enlargement of Equity base of IA and AI

4035. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enlarge the quity base of the Indian Airlines and th Air India by converting them into public limited companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Two Companies under the Companies Act, 1956 are intended to be incorporated to replace the existing Air Corporations. These airlines are intended to be restructured with a view to mobilise capital to meet growth requirements without avoidable burden on the Government; provide opportunity of participation in the shareholding of the companies to workers in the first instance, and later, if necessary, to mutual funds, financial institutions and general public; professionalise the management and infuse greater vigour and dynamism into the working of the airlines.

Flight from Ahmedabad to Nairobi

4036. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to operate direct flight for Nairobi from Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deaths of Wiremen of the DESU

4037. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to check the deaths of wiremen of the DESU on duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cause of each death has since been investigated; and

(d) if so, the details of its findings?